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**PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF  
MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT (37 CFR 1.378 (c))**

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Patent No. 6,265,983

Application Number 09/408,798

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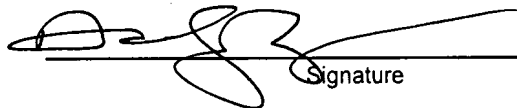
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## 1. SMALL ENTITY

☒ Patentee claims, or has previously claimed, small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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## 2. LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

☐ Patentee is no longer entitled to small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)

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## 3. MAINTENANCE FEE (37 CFR 1.20(e)-(g))

The appropriate maintenance fee must be submitted with this petition, unless it was paid earlier.

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MAINTENANCE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ 1,730.00

## 4. SURCHARGE

The surcharge required by 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2) of \$ 1,640.00 (Fee Code 1558) must be paid as a condition of accepting unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee.

SURCHARGE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ 1,640.00

## 5. MANNER OF PAYMENT

☒ Enclosed is a check for the sum of \$ 3,370.00☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

## 6: AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ANY FEE DEFICIENCY

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## 8. STATEMENT

The delay in payment of the maintenance fee to this patent was unintentional.

## 9. PETITIONER(S) REQUEST THAT THE DELAYED PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE BE ACCEPTED AND THE PATENT REINSTATED

  
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37 CFR 1.378(d) states: "Any petition under this section must be signed by an attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office, or by the patentee, the assignee, or other party in interest."

## ENCLOSURES

- ☒ Maintenance Fee Payment
- ☒ Surcharge under 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2) (fee for filing the maintenance fee petition)
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In re application of: Baillargeon

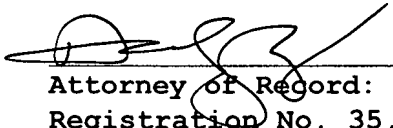
Entitled: FALL PROTECTION SYSTEM AND METHOD

Transmitted herewith is:

- ☒ [X] A Maintenance Fee Payment Letter (2 pages) for the above-identified Patent.
- ☒ [X] A Petition To Accept Unintentionally Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee in an Expired Patent (3 pages) is hereby made, under 37 CFR 1.378 (c); a check in the amount of \$3,370.00 is enclosed per 37 CFR 1.20(i) (2)
- ☒ [X] No additional claim fee.
- ☒ [X] In the event a Petition for Extension of Time is required by this paper and not otherwise provided, such Petition is hereby made and authorization is provided herewith to charge Deposit Account No. 02-3285 for the cost of such extension.
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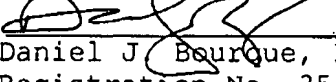
Enclosed herewith please find our check number 16461 in the amount of \$3,370.00. This check includes \$490.00 for the 3.5 year maintenance fees and \$1,240.00 for 7.5-year maintenance fees on Patent Number 6,265,983 issued on July 24, 2001 to Paul D. Baillargeon as well as and \$1,640.00 for the surcharge fee.

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